

The results of the 3rd Plurilateral Patent Prosecution Highway Meeting

1. Participants

Japan, Australia, Canada, Denmark, the European Patent Office (EPO), Finland, South Korea, Mexico, the Nordic Patent Institute (NPI), Russia, Spain, China, Sweden, the UK, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the USA (16 countries/regions/organizations in total)

2. Outline of the meeting results

At the meeting, 16 national/regional intellectual property offices and organizations gathered and conducted discussions.

They discussed and agreed on the following points:

- Participants will pilot a new model which enables broad use of examination results produced by a PPH member, irrespective of which Office is OFF.
- They will discuss a Plurilateral PPH arrangement which suggests moving away from multiple, bilateral agreements with differing practices, to a Plurilateral framework with more standardized requirements.
- They have agreed to adopt the definition of claim correspondence, along with the recommendation that existing office guidelines on PPH be updated.
- They have agreed with the importance of streamlining procedures and maximizing use of available electronic dossier access systems.
- They have agreed on publishing the results of the surveys on the Offices' practices for amendments after the first action and for corrections to PPH requests on the PPH portal website (*) hosted by the JPO.

(*) URL of the PPH portal website:

<http://www.jpo.go.jp/ppph-portal/index.htm>